



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

LEVER et al.

Appln. No. 10/009,171

Filed: April 16, 2002

FOR: SIV-BASED PACKAGING-DEFICIENT VECTORS

Confirmation No. 8487

Atty. Ref.: 117-372

T.C. / Art Unit: 1648

Examiner: M.G. Hill

* * *

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

December 15, 2005

Mail Stop AF

Hon. Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the pending Office Action mailed June 15, 2005, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested.

The **claims** are presented on pages 2-3.

Claims 24 and 26 are amended.

Claims 1-4, 6-8, 10, 12-15, 17-18 and 20-23 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 27-37 are added.

Remarks begin on page 4.